

EMERGENCY STREAMBANK AND SHORELINE PROTECTION

PURPOSE: Section 14 of the 1946 Flood Control Act enables the Corps of Engineers to protect vital Public facilities that are endangered by streambank erosion through a partnership with non-Federal government agencies such as cities, counties, special authorities, or units of state government. The types of facilities eligible for such protection are public buildings, roads, sewage treatment plants, water wells and/or intakes, non-profit schools and hospitals, public bridges, etc. Private property or vacant lands are NOT eligible. Erosion protection must be more cost effective than relocating the facility and must be environmentally acceptable.

PROCESS AND FUNDING: Projects are undertaken on a cost-shared basis. The first step in the process is completing a study that analyzes the problem and establishes a firm project cost and project justification. This study is 100% federally funded up to \$40,000. The non-Federal partner's costs for bank protection projects are a minimum of 35 percent and must include at least 5 percent of the total project cost in cash. Study costs over \$40,000 are included as part of the construction cost to be shared by the non-Federal partner. After the study is complete and if a non-Federal partner is ready to commit to acquiring the rights-of-way and cost sharing for construction, the Corps will negotiate and manage the construction contract. Each project is limited to a Federal cost of \$1,000,000. The national limit for these projects is 15 million dollars per fiscal year.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE: Requests for assistance should be submitted in the form of a Letter of Intent from a state or local government agency to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District. Samples are available upon request and should be mailed to **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District, Attn: Chief, Planning Branch, P.O. Box 59, Louisville, KY 40201**. After receipt of a written request, the Louisville District will contact the applicant by telephone and discuss particulars of the problem and of continuing the process.

<u>FOR MORE INFORMATION:</u> If you need more information, you may contact the Louisville District Outreach Coordinator, Ms. Amy K. Sharp, at (502) 315-6861.